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In re Patent Application of)
André ROUGIER et al.) Group Art Unit: UNASSIGNED
Application No.: UNASSIGNED) Examiner: UNASSIGNED
(Corresponding to PCT/FR00/00561))
Filed: SEPTEMBER 24, 2001)
For: USE OF VITAMIN C OR THE LIKE)
FOR STIMULATING SKIN CELL)
SYNTHESIS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-11 without prejudice or disclaimer and insert the following in lieu thereof:

--12. A method for increasing the level of differentiation of skin fibroblasts,
A comprising applying to the skin, an effective amount of ascorbic acid or one of its
analogues to an individual in need thereof.